



District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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MINUTES OF FULL COMMISSION MEETING

July 18, 2017

One Judiciary Square, Suite 430S, Washington, DC 20001

Voting Members in Attendance:

Frederick Weisberg	Renata K. Cooper
David Rosenthal	Julie Samuels
Milton Lee	Molly Gill
Danya Dyson	Marvin Turner

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Chanell Autrey	Michael Anzallo
Stephen Husk	Charles Allen

Staff in Attendance:

Barbara Tombs- Souvey	Mehmet Ergun	Taylor Tarnalicki
Mia Hebb	Miatta Sesay	

- I. Chairman Weisberg called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
- II. The minutes from May 23, 2017, were reviewed and approved.
- III. Director's Report– Informational Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey.

Final FY 18 Agency Budget: Ms. Tombs-Souvey informed the Commission members that the FY 18 budget has been finalized and the agency received \$1.2 million, which is an 8.5% increase over the FY 17 budget. In addition, the agency received an \$85,000 enhancement from the Mayor for the Warrant Exchange Project. The enhancement will be used to modify the GRID system allowing for the import of additional data elements that will be added to the IJIS 12.1 data feed as part of the Warrant Exchange Project. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that this project will be completed by the end of FY18.

Ms. Tombs-Souvey gave an update on the agency's Capital Budget request for \$922,000 to modify the GRID system and to include the MPD arrest data feed. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that the Capital funding request was not approved; however, she was notified that the project would be funded through funds that will be reprogrammed at the end of FY 2017 for use in FY 2018. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that the MPD arrest data feed modification process will take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

NASC Conference Panel: Ms. Tombs-Souvey provided an overview of the upcoming NASC Conference. Ms. Tombs-Souvey informed the Commission that the Chairman and Ms. Tombs-Souvey have been asked to present an overview of the Guidelines Evaluation Study at the 2017 NASC Conference.

BOP Data Access: Ms. Tombs-Souvey gave a progress update on accessing BOP data, which was one of the recommendations set forth in the Guideline Evaluation Study. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that the agency was able to collaborate with Bureau of Prisons through Judi Garrett and will formally submit a request for the data elements needed by the Commission to examine recidivism in the District. The request will need to go through the formal approval and security processes, which may take some time. Ms. Tombs-Souvey stated that the data will include yearly data file of admissions, releases, and the stock population of DC offenders housed in BOP facilities.

IV. Zhejiang Legal Delegation – Informational Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey

Zhejiang Legal Delegation: Ms. Tombs-Souvey informed the Commission that the agency was contacted by the 21st Institute of Chicago Beijing and was asked to meet with the Zhejiang Legal Delegation. The agency accepted the invitation to meet with the delegation who expressed interest in following:

- Role of the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission
- Membership of the Sentencing Commission
- Purpose of the Guidelines
- How data is used to inform policy

Ms. Tombs-Souvey extended the invitation to all Commission members to attend the meeting scheduled for July 27, 2017 from 2pm-5pm.

V. Discussion regarding potential Criminal History Retreat on November 14, 2017 – Action Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey and Chairman Weisberg.

Criminal History Retreat: Chairman Weisberg gave a brief overview on the purpose of the Criminal History Retreat and the facilitator, Richard Frase. The Chairman stated that the proposed date for the retreat is November 14, 2017, and strongly encouraged Commission members to attend the all-day session. The Chairman asked for feedback and approval of the purposed date of the Criminal History Retreat. There were several comments and recommendations from Commission members. After considerable discussion, Commission members tentatively agreed to the purposed date. Further information on the retreat will be forth coming at the September meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 18, 2017
One Judiciary Square (441 4th St., NW), Room 430S.